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An inland salt and bare,
The haunt of seals and orcs, and seamaws clang. *Milton.*
SEAL. *n. f.* [ryzel, Saxon; *sigillum*, Latin.]
1. A stamp engraved with a particular impression, which is fixed upon the wax that closes letters, or affixed as a testimony.
The king commands you
To render up the great seal. *Shaksp. Henry VIII.*
If the organs of perception, like wax overharden with cold, will not receive the impression of the seal; or, like wax of a temper too soft, will not hold it; or else supposing the wax of a temper fit, but the seal not applied with a sufficient force to make a clear impression; in any of these cases the print left by the seal will be obscure. *Locke.*
The same
His grandfire wore about his neck
In three seal rings, which after, melted down,
Form'd a vast buckle for his widow's gown. *Pope.*
2. The impression made in wax.
'Till thou canst rail the seal from off my bond,
Thou hast offend'd thy lungs to speak so loud. *Shaksp.*
Solyman shewed him his own letters, asking him if he knew not that hand, and if he knew not that seal. *Knolles.*
He saw his monkey picking the seal wax from a letter. *Arb.*
3. Any act of confirmation.
They their fill of love
Took largely, of their mutual guilt the seal. *Milton.*
TO SEAL. *v. a.* [from the noun.]
1. To fasten with a seal.
He that brings this love to thee,
Little knows this love in me;
And by him seal up thy mind. *Shaksp. As you like it.*
I have seen her rise from her bed, take forth paper, fold it, write upon't, and afterwards seal it. *Shaksp. Measure for Measure.*
2. To confirm or attest by a seal.
God join'd my heart to Romeo's; thou our hands;
And ere this hand, by thee to Romeo seal'd,
Shall be the label to another deed,
Or my true heart with treacherous revolt
Turn to another, this shall slay them both. *Shaksp. Romeo and Juliet.*
3. To confirm; to ratify; to settle.
My soul is purg'd from grudging hate,
And with my hand I seal our true hearts love. *Shak. R. III.*
When I have performed this, and sealed to them this fruit,
I will come into Spain. *Rom. xv. 28.*
4. To shut; to close.
Seal up your lips, and give no words, but mum! *Shaksp.*
At my death
Thou hast seal'd up my expectation. *Shaksp. Henry IV.*
The root of evil is sealed up from you. *2 Esdr. viii. 53.*
The sense is like the fun; for the fun seals up the globe of heaven, and opens the globe of earth: so the sense doth obscure heavenly things, and reveals earthly things. *Bacon.*
Back to th' infernal pit I drag thee chain'd,
And seal thee so, as henceforth not to scorn
The facil gates of hell too slightly barr'd. *Milton.*
5. To mark with a stamp.
You'd rail upon the hostess,
And say you would present her at the leet,
Because she bought stone jugs, and no seal'd quarts. *Shaksp.*
TO SEAL. *v. n.* To fix a seal.
I will seal unto this bond. *Shaksp. Measure for Measure.*
We make a sure covenant and write it, and our princes and priests seal unto it. *Neh. ix. 38.*
SEALING WAX. *n. f.* [seal and wax.] Hard wax made of rosin used to seal letters.
The prominent orifice was closed with sealing wax. *Boyle.*
SEAM. *n. f.* [ream, Saxon; *zoom*, Dutch.]
1. The edge of cloth where the threads are doubled; the future where the two edges are sewed together.
In velvet white as snow the troop was gown'd,
The seams with sparkling emeralds set around. *Dryden.*
Precepts should be so finely wrought together in the same piece, that no coarse seam may discover where they join. *Add.*
2. The juncture of planks in a ship.
With boiling pitch the seams intops,
Which well laid o'er, the salt sea waves withstand. *Dryd.*
3. A cicatrix; a scar.
4. [ream, Saxon, a load.] A measure; a vessel in which things are held; eight bushels of corn. *Ainsworth.*
5. [seme, Saxon; *saim*, Welsh; *sain*, French.] Tallow; grease; hog's lard.
Shall the proud lord,
That bastes his arrogance with his own seam,
Be worshipp'd? *Shaksp. Troilus and Cressida.*
Part scour the rusty shields with seam, and part
New grind the blunted ax. *Dryden's Æn.*
TO SEAM. *v. a.* [from the noun.]
1. To join together by future, or otherwise.
2. To mark; to scar with a long cicatrix.
Seam'd o'er with wounds, which his own sabre gave. *Pope.*
Say, has the small or greater pox
Sunk down her nose, or seam'd her face? *Swift.*

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SEAMLESS. *adj.* [from *seam*.] Having no seam.
SEAMRENT. *n. f.* [from *seam* and *rent*.] A separation of any thing where it is joined; a breach of the stitches.
SEAMSTRESS. *n. f.* [seamstress, Saxon.] A woman whose trade is to sew.
They wanted food and raiment; so they took
Religion for their seamstress and their cook. *Cleaveland.*
SEAMY. *adj.* [from *seam*.] Having a seam; shewing the seam.
Some such squire he was,
That turn'd your wit the feary side without,
And made me to suspect you. *Shak. Othello.*
SEAN. *n. f.* [regne, Saxon; *jagera*, Latin.] A net. Sometimes written *seine*, or *saine*.
SEAR. *adj.* [searjan, Saxon, to dry.] Dry; not any longer green. *Spenser* uses it.
I have liv'd long enough: my May of life
Is fall'n into the sear, the yellow leaf. *Shak. Macbeth.*
Ye myrtles brown, with ivy never sear.
Some may be cherish'd in dry places, as in sear wood. *Roy.*
TO SEAR. *v. a.* [searjan, Saxon.] To burn; to cauterize.
The scorching flame fore tinged all his face,
And through his armour all his body sear'd. *Fair. Quen.*
Some shall depart from the faith, speaking lies, having their conscience sear'd with a hot iron. *1 Tim. v. 2.*
Cherish veins of good humour, and sear up those of ill. *Tem.*
I'm sear'd with burning steel, till the sear'd marrow
Fries in the bones. *Romeo's Royal Comedy.*
SEARREACH. *n. f.* [sear and reach.] Perhaps searreach.
'Tis one thing for a man to be firm against honest dangers; but to run his head against stone walls, or to put his shoulders to a searreach, to attempt insuperable difficulties, would be just the moral of the ram in the fable. *L'Estrange.*
SEARLOATH. *n. f.* [searclath, Saxon, from *sear*, pain, and *clath*, a platter; so that *searclath*, as it is now written, from *sear*, wax, seems to be wrong.] A plaster; a large plaster.
Bees wax is the ground of all searclath halves. *Mortimer.*
TO SEARCE. *v. a.* [searce, French.] To sift finely.
Put the finely searced powder of alabaster into a flat-bottomed and well heated brass vessel. *Boyle.*
For the keeping of meal, bolt and searce it from the bran. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*
SEARCE. *n. f.* A sieve; a bolter.
SEARCEFUL. *n. f.* [from *searce*.] He who searces.
TO SEARCH. *v. a.* [chercher, French.]
1. To examine; to try; to explore; to look through.
Help to search my house this one time: if I find not what I seek, let me for ever be your table sport. *Shaksp. Hamlet.*
They returned from searching of the land. *Nam. xiii. 25.*
Through the void immense
To search with wand ring quest a place foretold. *Milton.*
2. To inquire; to seek.
Now clear I understand
What oft my fittest thoughts have search'd in vain. *Mil.*
Enough is left besides to search and know. *Milton.*
Draw up some valuable meditations from the depths of the earth, and search them through the vast ocean. *Watts.*
3. To probe as a surgeon.
Alas, poor shepherd! searching of thy wound,
I have, by hard adventure, found my own. *Shaksp. Hamlet.*
With this good sword,
That ran through Caesar's bowels, search this bosom. *Shak. Julius C.*
For the divisions of Reuben there were great searchings of heart. *Judg. v. 16.*
The signs of wounds penetrating are discovered by the proportion of the searching candle, or probe which enters into the cavity. *Wise's Surgery.*
4. **TO SEARCH OUT**. To find by seeking.
Who went before you, to search you out a place to pitch your tents in? *Deutr. i. 33.*
They may sometimes be successful to search out truth. *Watts.*
TO SEARCH. *v. n.*
1. To make a search.
Satisfy me once more; once more search with me. *Shaksp. Measure for Measure.*
To ask or search I blame thee not. *Milton.*
2. To make inquiry.
Those who seriously search after or maintain truth, should study to deliver themselves without obscurity or equivocation.
It suffices that they have once with care sifted the matter, and searched into all the particulars that could give any light to the question.
With piercing eye some search where nature plays,
And trace the wanton through her darksome maze. *Fitch.*
3. To seek; to try to find.
Your husband's coming, woman, to search for a gentleman that is here now in the house. *Shak. Merry Wives of Windsor.*
We in vain search for that constitution within a fly, upon which depend those powers we observe in them. *Locke.*
SEARCH. *n. f.* [from the verb.]
1. Inquiry by looking into every suspected place.
The orb he roam'd
With narrow search, and with inspection deep. *Mil. n.*
2. Inquiry;

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2. Inquiry; examination; act of seeking.
His reasons are as two grains of wheat hid in two bushels of chaff: you shall seek all day ere you find them, and when you have them they are not worth the search. *Shaksp. Hamlet.*
Who great in search of God and nature grow,
They best the wife Creator's praise declare. *Dryden.*
Now mourn thy fatal search;
It is not safe to have too quick a sense. *Dryden.*
The mind sets itself on work in search of some hidden idea, and turns the eye of the soul upon it. *Locke.*
By the philosophical use of words, I mean such an use as conveys the precise notions of things, which the mind may be satisfied with in its search after knowledge. *Locke.*
The parents, after a long search for the boy, gave him for drowned in a canal. *Addison.*
This common practice carries the heart aside from all that is honest in our search after truth. *Watts.*
3. Quest; pursuit.
If zealous love should go in search of virtue,
Where should he find it purer than in Blanch? *Shaksp.*
Stay him from his intentment, or brook such disgrace well as he shall run into; in that it is a thing of his own search, and altogether against my will. *Shaksp. As you like it.*
Nor did my search of liberty begin,
Till my black hairs were chang'd upon my chin. *Dryden.*
SEARCHER. *n. f.* [from *search*.]
1. Examiner; inquirer; trier.
The Argures that seek wisdom upon earth, the authors of fables, and searchers: found of understanding. *Bar. iii. 23.*
The searchers out of a marvellous difference between the Anaks and themselves. *Raleigh.*
Religion has given us a more just idea of the divine nature: he whom we appeal to is truth itself, the great searcher of hearts, who will not let fraud go unpunished, or hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. *Addison.*
In vain we lift up our presumptuous eyes
To what our Maker to their ken denies:
The searcher follows fast; the object flies. *Prior.*
Avoid the man who practices any thing unbecoming a free and open searcher after truth. *Watts.*
2. Officer in London appointed to examine the bodies of the dead, and report the cause of death.
The searchers, who are ancient matrons sworn to their office, repair to the place where the dead corps lies, and by view of the same, and by other inquiries, examine by what disease the corps died. *Grant's Bills of Mortality.*
SEASON. *n. f.* [saison, French.]
1. One of the four parts of the year, Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter.
The fairest flowers o' th' season
Are our carnations and streak'd gillyflowers. *Shaksp.*
Then Summer, Autumn, Winter did appear;
And Spring was but a season of the year. *Dryden.*
We saw, in six days travelling, the several seasons of the year in their beauty. *Addison on Italy.*
2. A time as distinguished from others.
He's noble, wise, judicious, and best knows
The fits o' th' season. *Shak. Macbeth.*
The season prime for sweetest scents and airs. *Milton.*
3. A fit time; an opportune concurrence.
At season fit let her with thee partake.
All business should be done betimes; and there's as little trouble of doing it in season too, as out of season. *L'Estrange.*
For active sports, for pleasing rest,
This is the time to be possist;
The best is but in season best. *Dryden.*
I would indulge the gladness of my heart!
Let us retire: her grief is out of season. *Philips.*
There is no season to which such thoughts as these are more suitable. *Alicebury.*
The season when to come, and when to go,
To sing, or cease to sing, we never know. *Pope.*
4. A time not very long.
We'll slip you for a season, but our jealousy
Do's yet depend. *Shaksp. Cymbeline.*
5. [From the verb.] That which gives a high relish.
You lack the season of all natures, sleep. *Shak. Macbeth.*
TO SEASON. *v. a.* [saisonner, French.]
1. To mix with food any thing that gives a high relish.
Every oblation of thy meat-offering shalt thou season with salt. *Lev. ii. 13.*
They seasoned every sacrifice, whereof a greater part was eaten by the priests. *Breani's Vulgar Errors.*
For breakfast and supper, milk and milk-pottage are very fit for children; only let them be seasoned with sugar. *Locke.*
The wife contriver,
To keep the waters from corruption free,
Mix them with salt, and season'd all the sea. *Blackmore.*
2. To give a relish to.
You season still with sports your serious hours;
For age but tastes of pleasures, youth devours. *Dryden.*
The proper use of wit is to season conversation, to represent

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what is praiseworthy to the greatest advantage, and to expose the vices and follies of men. *Tillotson.*
3. To qualify by admixture of another ingredient.
Mercy is above this scepter'd sway;
It is an attribute to God himself;
And earthly pow'r does then the least God's,
When mercy seasons justice. *Shak. Merchant of Venice.*
Season your admiration but a while,
With an attentive ear, 'till I deliver
This marvel to you. *Shak. Hamlet.*
4. To imbue; to tinge or taint.
Whatever thing
The scythe of time mows down, devour unparr'd,
'Till I, in man residing, through the race
His thoughts, his looks, words, actions, all infect,
And season him thy last and sweetest prey. *Milton's Pa. Lost.*
Secure their religion, season their younger years with prudent and pious principles. *Taylor.*
Sin, taken into the soul, is like a liquor poured into a vessel; so much of it as it fills, it also seasons: the touch and tincture go together. *South.*
5. To fit for any use by time or habit; to mature.
The crow doth sing as sweetly as the lark,
When neither is attended; and, I think,
The nightingale, if she should sing by day,
When every goose is cackling, would be thought
No better a musician than the wren:
How many things by season'd time are done,
To their right praise and true perfection. *Shaksp. As you like it.*
Who in want a hollow friend doth try,
Directly seasons him his enemy. *Shaksp. As you like it.*
We charge you, that you have contriv'd to take
From Rome all season'd office, and to wind
Yourself unto a power tyrannical. *Shaksp. Coriolanus.*
The archers of his guard shot two arrows every man together against an inch board of well season'd timber. *Hayward.*
His plenteous stores do season'd timber send;
Thither the brawny carpenters repair. *Dryden.*
A man should harden and season himself beyond the degree of cold wherein he lives. *Addison.*
TO SEASON. *v. n.* To be mature; to grow fit for any purpose.
Carpenters rough plane boards for flooring, that they may set them by to season. *Mason's Mech. Exerc.*
SEASONABLE. *adj.* [saison, French.] Opportune; happening or done at a proper time; proper as to time.
Mercy is seasonable in the time of affliction, as clouds of rain in the time of drought. *Eccles. v. 2.*
If ever it was seasonable to preach courage in the despised abused cause of Christ, it is now, when his truths are reformed into nothing, when the hands and hearts of his faithful ministers are weakened. *South's Sermons.*
SEASONABLENESS. *n. f.* [from *seasonable*.] Opportuneness of time; propriety with regard to time.
A British freeholder would very ill discharge his part, if he did not acknowledge the excellency and seasonableness of those laws by which his country has been recovered out of its confusions. *Addison's Freeholder.*
SEASONABLY. *adv.* [from *seasonable*.] Properly with respect to time.
This is that to which I would most earnestly, most seasonably advise you all. *Spratt's Sermons.*
SEASONER. *n. f.* [from *to season*.] He who seasons or gives a relish to any thing.
SEASONING. *n. f.* [from *season*.] That which is added to any thing to give it a relish.
Breads we have of several grains, with divers kinds of leavenings and seasonings; so that some do extremely move appetites, and some do nourish so as divers do live of them alone. *Bacon.*
Some abound with words, without any seasoning or taste of matter. *Ben. Johnson.*
A foundation of good sense, and a cultivation of learning, are required to give a seasoning to retirement, and make us taste the blessing. *Dryden.*
Political speculations are of so dry and austere a nature, that they will not go down with the publick without frequent seasonings. *Addison's Freeholder.*
The publick accept a paper which has in it none of those seasonings that recommend the writings which are in vogue among us. *Addison's Spectator.*
Many vegetable substances are used by mankind as seasonings, which abound with a highly exalted aromatick oil; as thyme and fennel. *Arbutnot on Aliments.*
SEAT. *n. f.* [sedes, Latin; *setz*, old German.] *Skinner.*
1. A chair, bench, or any thing on which one may sit.
The fons of light
Hasted, resorting to the fummons high,
And took their seats. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*
The lady of the leaf ordain'd a feast,
And made the lady of the flow'r her guest;
When, lo, a bow'r ascended on the plain,
With sudden seats ordain'd, and large for either train. *Dryd.*
2. Chair